The travelling trophy may change hands at this meeting. You had better come along to help your chapter fetch it back home.

There will be space for nurseryman to bring plants for sale. We would like to hold another plant raffle again this year. This will be for the benefit of the "Seed Pod" to build up the bank account a little. Any of the members, nurseryman or others, who can bring plants to donate for the raffle are asked to do so. We will appreciate it no end.

There are several changes to be voted upon in the by-laws. We have to elect new officers. There will be committee meetings Saturday night etc. Why don't you all come and have a good time. If you would like to stay over Sunday night the same rates apply too.

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PAGANO NURSERY

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HIBISCUS

ALL KINDS ALL COLORS

NO SHIPPING GENERAL NURSERY

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FAVORITE HIBISCUS

How would you like to know how your favorite Hibiscus plant stacks up with the average? A good way to find out is to send a list, in order, of the 25 you like best to Mr. Bill Cutler, 3427 22nd St. N. St. Petersburg, Florida. Bill will tabulate the list and it will be carried in the next issue of the Seed Pod.

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CARE AND CULTURE FOR SUMMER

B. L. Barling, Orlando, Florida.

The hot and humid summer months are now on hand, we all like to let down a little and sit in the shade. Unfortunately Hibiscus plants don't feel that way. This is their get up and go period when they are preparing to bloom prolifically if a little special care and attention from you is forthcoming. There doesn't seem to be any half way mark, the weather is either hot and dry or we get heaps of rain and must be guided accordingly.

Your growth should be well established and your concern turns to larger and better blooms. It is advisable to begin changing your fertilizer formula to a 4-6-8 if you have your eye on plentiful bloom to say nothing of taking a shot at that Tri-color in the shows to come. Keep in mind the fact that if the month is reasonably dry that a monthly feeding is adequate and it helps to cup the ground around the plants the width of the branches to retain the water and fertilizer to feed the roots instead of the weeds and grass with the wash off a few feet away. Also in summer months a substantial mulch of pine straw, small oak leaves or wheat straw is most beneficial to bounce off the sun's heat from the roots in sandy soil and aids in retaining moisture, preventing bud and leaf drop. Of course the mulch should be kept several inches from the trunk of the plant to keep away from white scale or damp off at the ground level.

Now of course if the month is continuously wet your action should be guided accordingly. A few days of repeated down fall of several inches of rain, while the plants will enjoy same, realize that your fertilizer will be rapidly leached out and it may be necessary to go back in two weeks to replenish the loss of plant food. As well move back that heavy mulch but keep handy to replace when the hot dry days return. Seems like a heap of work but the resultant pay in large glossy foliage and prime blooms will be your reward.

Naturally the normal watch for all types of var-